

January 28, 2015

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

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Ms. Laura Beaufort
Reports Analysis Division
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street NW
Washington, DC 20463

Dear Ms. Beaufort,

Cotton For Senate (C00499988) is in receipt of your Request for Additional Information dated January 27, 2015, regarding the Committee's Post General Report.

All solicitations to prospective donors include the following statement: "Federal law requires us to use our best efforts to collect and report the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer of individuals whose contributions exceed \$200 in an election cycle."

If the individual fails to respond to the initial request, the Committee sends a stand-alone follow-up letter requesting the same information. The letter includes a pre-addressed, stamped envelope and contains the following statement: "Federal law requires that we obtain the attached information regarding your occupation and employment. Please complete the attached form and return it to us as soon as possible in the enclosed envelope."

The Committee then discloses any updated contributor information it receives by filing memo Schedule A's in a timely manner with its next regular report or by filing an amended report. If the individual fails to respond to the Committee's requests, the Committee reports donor information pursuant to the guidelines in 11 CFR 104.7(b)(3) and 11 CFR 104.7(b)(4).

Inasmuch as the regulations require the Committee to ask contributors to supply employer/occupation information but do not compel the contributors to comply with the Committee's requests, the Committee has reported all the information it has in its possession in an attempt to satisfy both the intent and the substance of 11 CFR 100.12, 11 CFR 104.3, and 11 CFR 104.7. In addition, the Committee can find no guidance in the statute or regulations that allow it to add to or subtract from information that is voluntarily provided to it from its contributors nor is there any indication in the statute or regulations that the descriptions referred to are inadequate listings for employer and/or occupation.

Finally, the Committee notes that it will update its employer/occupation data as it is received from donors and makes every effort to secure the requested information from all available sources.

In regards to the missing descriptions on the Schedule B, the committee will file an amended report to correct a software error. The amendment will provide descriptions for the expenditures and in kind contributions referenced in your request for additional information. Thank you for bringing this to our attention.

Sincerely,

Bradley T. Crate
Treasurer

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